

Appl. No. 09/532,576
Atty. Docket No. 7995
Amdt. Dated June 21, 2004
Reply to Final Office Action of June 3, 2004
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REMARKS

Claims 16, 17, 22, 35, 38, 53, and 54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations presented in original Claims 16 and 17. Claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the limitations originally presented in original Claims 22, 35, and 38. Claim 40 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 53 and 54, as originally presented. Claims 18, 23, 24, 26, 28, 32, 33, 36, 39, 55, and 56 have been amended to provide proper claim dependency pursuant to Applicants' cancellation of the claims discussed *supra*. No new matter has been presented in amended Claims 1, 21, or 40. The current Amendments are believed to place the instant claims in condition for allowance as discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action June 3, 2004. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 18, 20-21, 23-34, 36-37, 39-52, and 55-57 remain in the instant Application and are presented for the Examiner's reconsideration in light of the above Amendments and the following comments.

Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 40, 42-49, 51-53, 56, and 57 have been finally rejected over Hamilton, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,662,758, in view of Hamilton, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,968,633. Claim 21 has been finally rejected over Hamilton, U.S. Patent No. 5,871,607 in view of Sorensen, et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,889,234. Previous arguments made with respect to the *Hamilton* and *Sorensen* references remain in effect but will not be repeated for the sake of brevity. Applicants traverse this rejection for the following additional reasons:

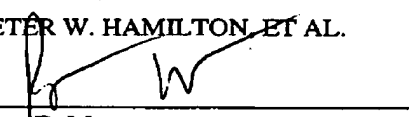
1. Applicants' Claims 1 and 40 claim have been amended to require that the permeable substrate layer be bonded to the back face of the film with a laminating adhesive, whereby the laminating adhesive has air vent channels.
2. Applicants' Claim 21 has been amended to require a substrate layer bonded to the back face of the film with laminating adhesive, wherein the substrate under the protrusions is permeable and contains no laminating adhesive.
3. As the Examiner has indicated previously, the Amendments provided herein present allowable subject matter. Thus, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) have been obviated. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection to Applicants' Claim 1, 21, and 40 and all claims dependent thereon.

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Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that each of Applicants' remaining claims is in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

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